



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.	:	09/926,003	Confirmation No.:	5044
Applicant	:	Y. Yamaoka		
Filed	:	Aug. 13, 2001		
TC/A.U.	:	1725		
Examiner	:	M. A. Elve		
Docket No.	:	YAMA3001/JDB		
Customer No.	:	23364		

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22202-3514

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to March 19, 2004, by filing a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks/Arguments begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks/Arguments".